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# TODAY'S FORECAST.

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—The National Fed-  
eration of Labor will hold its an-  
nual meeting today, in connection with  
the anniversary of the emancipation  
at Valley Forge.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The Pennsylv-  
ania Society of the Sons of the Revolu-  
tion will hold a reception today to cele-  
brate the anniversary of the emancipation  
at Valley Forge.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Tommy Dixon, the feath-  
er weight champion of Rochester, and  
Billy Whistler of Philadelphia will meet  
in a twenty-round contest at the Brooklyn  
Bridge Athletic club tonight.

WINFIELD, Kan.—The Kansas City and  
Southern Railroad company is announced  
to be sold here today, at auction. It is  
thought the Farmers' Loan and Trust  
company will bid the property in.

NEW YORK.—The chamber of commerce  
of this city and other large cities of  
the country will today commemorate the  
anniversary of the American commercial  
travels, which was inaugurated with Great  
Britain by John Jay.

BOSTON.—The Bunker Hill Historical so-  
ciety will commemorate Forefathers Day  
tomorrow in an elaborate manner. The  
G. A. R. will also observe the day. Ser-  
vice will be held at the Trinity  
Methodist Episcopal church.

BROOKLYN.—The Society of the Colo-  
nial Daughters of the Seventeenth Cen-  
tury will give a luncheon at the Union  
League club today, in commemoration of  
the landing of the Pilgrims, and also of  
the famous swamp fight in King Philip's  
war of 1675, when the colonists defeated  
their Indian foes.

MONTREAL.—The case of J. N. Fortier,  
chief dealer of this city, against the  
American Tobacco company of Canada, is  
set to come on today. Fortier charges the  
company with conspiracy to limit trade.  
This company is a branch of the United  
States Tobacco company of the United  
States.

MUSKOGEE, I. T.—The agreement be-  
tween the Dawes commission and rep-  
resentatives of the Choctaw Nation is an-  
nounced to be signed today. The agree-  
ment is that the town sites are to be set  
apart and sold at not less than the ap-  
praised value of the fee known as the bat-  
ter capital, untaxable and unalienable for  
twenty-five years. Tribal authority will  
be continued for not less than eight nor  
more than ten years.

CHICAGO.—A football game between the  
teams of the Illinois school at Carle, Pa.,  
and the University of Wisconsin will take  
place at the Coliseum this evening. This  
will be the first game of football ever  
played in this city at night time. The  
teams represent the following  
tribes of Indians: Kiowa, Seneca, Onondaga,  
Chippewa, Stockbridge, Omaha, Pueblo,  
Nez Perces and Tascorora. As the In-  
dians have put in such good games with  
crack teams of other colleges, this contest  
is awaited with great interest.

Death in a Shaft.  
Oraay, Colo., December 18.—Gabriel  
Rus, John Antras, Charles Swanson, Chas.  
Anderson and Louis Jackson were instantly  
killed in the Virginia shaft today. They  
were placing timbers in the shaft when  
the car fell, carrying them with it to the  
400-foot level.

## THE RECOGNITION OF CUBA.

Senate Committee Adopts the Cameron Resolutions  
Recognizing Independence.

### SECRETARY OLNEY'S ADVICE NOT ACCEPTED.

The Resolutions Passed Unanimously and Recognize the Independence of  
the Insurgents Without Qualification—Authorities Say It  
Is a Casus Belli Should They Finally Pass.

Washington, December 18.—The foreign relations committee of the senate has agreed to report the Cameron Cuban resolution after changing its wording to make it more emphatic. The title was changed to read "Joint Resolution Acknowledging the Independence of the Republic of Cuba." The words "The Republic of" being inserted instead of declaring that the United States "should" use its friendly offices, it makes it read the United States "will" do so.

The resolution, as modified and agreed upon in the foreign relations committee, is as follows:

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-  
ATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONGRESS AS-  
SEMBLED, THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA  
BE, AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

SECTION 2. THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL USE ITS FRIEND-  
LY OFFICES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN TO BRING TO A  
CLOSE THE WAR BETWEEN SPAIN AND CUBA.

The agreement to report the Cameron resolution was reached immediately  
after Mr. Olney left the committee room, at 12:15, and was arrived at without divi-  
sion or expressed difference of opinion. The only division was at the time that the  
resolution should be reported to the senate. Senator Cameron moved its report on  
Monday next. Senator Sherman suggested that the report should not be put in  
until after the holiday recess. When the question was put to the committee the  
Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority.

"All I can say as to our proceedings," said a member of the committee, "is that  
we adopted a motion to report the Cameron resolution after Mr. Olney left."

Another member of the committee is responsible for the statement that there  
was no division on this proposition.

"Do you mean," he was asked, "that the committee was unanimous?"

"Yes, it amounts to that. There was some difference of opinion as to the time  
that the report should be made, some of the members holding that the question  
should not be opened in the senate until after the holidays."

Senator Cameron's report deals at length with the question of precedents in the  
matter of recognition of independence and intervention of whatever nature by the  
United States, beginning with the Greek revolution, and coming down to the present  
time. Senators who heard the report say it is very thorough in this respect and  
goes over the entire ground.

Members of the committee are very reticent as to what Secretary Olney said  
or what advice he gave, but it is very certain that he advised against any action  
and especially action like that contemplated, as no doubt was expressed that such  
action would involve war with Spain.

One member of the committee said: "Of course Spain will fight. Those Span-  
iards do not know any better. But there is no danger of other countries getting in  
our way. No other European nation wants to fight us, and we would wind up a  
war with Spain in short order."

The opinion was also expressed that President Cleveland would veto the joint  
resolution when it came to him, which is taken to mean that Secretary Olney had  
taken emphatic opposition against action by congress. It is understood that the  
main point raised by the secretary is that covered in the president's message, viz.,  
that there was no actual government in Cuba to recognize.

Another member of the committee said that he believed in case the president  
should veto the resolution it would pass over the veto, as he believed there were  
more than two-thirds of both senate and house to favor it. Some point was  
undoubtedly made that the present administration did not feel like leaving as a  
legacy to the incoming president a war over Cuba, but it is understood this point  
was not made prominent, but that the main proposition was that Cuba had not made  
sufficient showing for intervention by the United States and that there was nothing  
but a paper government to recognize.

### Olney's Advice.

Washington, December 18.—Secretary Olney appeared before the senate com-  
mittee on foreign relations today and was closeted with them for a considerable time.  
The committee was prompt in beginning its work at the specified hour of 10:30 to-  
day, all the members, except Senators Gray and Daniel, being present. The meet-  
ing was held for the express purpose of continuing the discussion of a policy on the  
Cuban question to be recommended by the committee, and Secretary Olney was pre-  
sent for the purpose of giving advice and placing before the committee information in  
his possession bearing upon the question.

The meeting was strictly private, Mr. Olney being the only person not a member  
of the committee who was admitted to the conference.

It was understood, however, that the tendency of the secretary's advice was  
against precipitate action by the committee, but the advocates of the Cameron res-  
olution were not displaying any disposition to change their determination to report.

Secretary Olney did not make any statement regarding the attitude of foreign  
governments in case the United States took some action in favor of the Cuban re-  
volutionists. The secretary did not proffer much service to the committee, but confined  
himself mainly to a statement of facts in possession of the state department regard-  
ing the conditions in the island with what this government has done. This included  
information furnished by the American consuls and also information furnished by the  
Spanish authorities.

The time of the committee was taken up largely with Secretary Olney's state-  
ment and with reading portions of the report on the resolution as prepared by Sen-  
ator Cameron. Mr. Olney refused, after leaving the committee room, to reveal the  
nature of his communication to the committee.

Secretary Olney, it is claimed by the committee, did not have any new infor-  
mation to present and they say the committee knew as much about the condition of  
affairs in Cuba as was known by the State department. Secretary Olney urged that  
no action be taken at present and pointed out that there was no real government to  
recognize.

### Olney's Arguments.

Washington, December 18.—The meeting of the senate committee on foreign re-  
lations today was important in two respects. It resulted in an agreement to re-  
port the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence, and it  
developed, through the statement of Secretary Olney, the administration's policy  
in regard to the insurgents in Cuba. The secretary occupied the greater part of  
the time of the meeting answering questions and suggestions made by the com-  
mittee. He and Senator Morgan engaged in spirited colloquies. Mr. Olney made  
two points against the Cameron resolutions, as follows:

First, that the Cuban insurgents have established no government; second, that  
the right to recognize a new state rests with the president independent of congres-  
sional action.

He contended in elaboration of the first point that the pretended government of  
the island was without habitation.

"Suppose you recognize the independence of the island," he said, "where are  
you going to do it?"

"I for one," replied Senator Morgan, "while advocating this recognition, want  
it understood that I am opposed to annexation."

"How, then, would you maintain its independence?" asked the secretary, him-  
self becoming interlocutor. "How would you, for instance, prevent Spanish domi-  
nation over the island?"

"I would," replied the Alabama senator,  
"establish, if need be, a protectorate. I  
would follow the same policy that we are  
pursuing with regard to Hawaii and I  
would send an army of occupation to the  
island, if necessary, as we did in the case  
of Mexico."

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SENATOR ALLEN'S BOMB.

—Washington Post.

zens and the destruction of American prop-  
erty was deplorable.

"They are, however," he added, "the in-  
cidents of war."

"A war properly conducted, but not on  
anarchy," was the response.

The secretary set at rest the story which  
has been very industriously circulated that  
Consul General Lee has provided the state  
department with an elaborate report on the  
condition of affairs in Cuba.

"It is not true," said he, "General Lee  
has made no general written report at all.  
He has made reports on several special oc-  
casions, but not on the situation as a  
whole."

It also developed during the examination  
that the government has made no demand  
in the case of the Competitor prisoners and  
in other cases of a similar character beyond  
requests for information.

While the committee will report the res-  
olution as agreed on Monday it is not ex-  
pected that the question will be presented  
until after the holidays. The disposition of  
the committee was to press the resolution  
to a speedy determination as soon as pos-  
sible after the question is once taken up  
for debate.

### Effect of the Resolutions.

Washington, December 18.—The action of  
the senate committee on foreign relations  
in agreeing to report the Cameron resolu-  
tion recognizing the independence of the  
republic of Cuba has naturally led to in-  
quiry as to how such recognition, if com-  
pleted, would effect the position of the in-  
surgents. Inquiry of competent authorities  
goes to show that such recognition from a  
legal point of view would be of great value  
to the morally.

This moral force probably would manifest  
itself in enabling the new republic to float  
a loan in the markets of the world and  
thus obtain the kind of war in abun-  
dant, for with the powerful backing given  
by this implied expression of our faith in  
the ability of the insurgents to achieve and  
maintain their independence, there can be  
little doubt but that capitalists would take  
up such an attractive loan. Then, the Cu-  
bans would be represented in Washington  
by a fully accredited minister and legation  
in place of the unofficial representatives  
they are now obliged to content with. If  
the Cubans can manage to float a few mil-  
lions of dollars, their flag would be ad-  
mitted to United States ports under the  
protection of the neutrality laws.

It is true, of course, that the Cubans  
would no longer be kept from the seas  
by fear of denunciation as pirates. In-  
stead, the fitting out of such privateers origi-  
nally in our ports, however, the privateers  
could bring their prizes into our ports  
and would no longer be kept from the seas  
by fear of denunciation as pirates.

Furthermore, this recognition of inde-  
pendence would involve the recognition of  
a state of war. Neither the Spanish gov-  
ernment nor the Cubans would be per-  
mitted to equip warships or military ex-  
peditions in the United States and this coun-  
try would observe a strict neutrality to-  
wards both parties.

One effect upon the United States it-  
self of the proposed action would be the  
total loss of all of the claims for indemnity  
for American property destroyed during the  
insurrection which may now lie against  
Spain, for our action would relieve her of  
all of her responsibility. As the Spaniards  
themselves, however, are prepared to pre-  
fer large claims against the United States  
for the damage wrought by the filibuster-  
ing expeditions this loss is in a measure  
offset. Of course, too, by recognizing the  
jurisdiction of the Cubans over their island,  
we should be able to hold them responsi-  
ble for further losses of this character.

All of these gains to the Cubans, after  
all, are theoretical in value. What the  
insurgents undoubtedly expect and ardently  
wish for, in the opinion of the state de-  
partment people, is the precipitation of a  
war between the United States and Spain  
as the latter power more than once has in-  
sisted that such action on our part in re-  
cognition of independence of Cubans  
would be an unfriendly act, and such au-  
thorities as Wharton conceded that it  
would be a sufficient casus belli.

An interesting precedent in this line,  
and, by the way, one supporting the as-  
sumption that war will result, is the his-  
tory of the action of our government in  
recognizing the independence of Texas.  
In a report made by Senator Clay of the  
committee on foreign relations in regard to  
the recognition of Texas are the following  
passages, possibly applicable to the present  
case:

"The right of one independent power to  
recognize the fact of the existence of a  
new power about to assume a position  
among the nations of the earth is incon-  
testable. It is founded upon another right,  
that which appertains to every sovereign  
to take care of its own interests by estab-  
lishing and cultivating such commercial  
or other relations with the new power as  
may be deemed expedient."

"Its exercise gives no just ground for  
(Continued on Fifth Page.)

### TODAY'S FEATURES.

Cuba.  
Two carloads of artillery said to be en  
route through Texas for Cuba.

Railroads in Omaha asked to furnish  
transportation for troops going to Cuba.

Competitor prisoners state that they are  
well treated by the prison officials.

Spanish newspapers excited over the  
action in the United States.

Enthusiastic Cuban meeting held at At-  
lanta.

Insurgents concentrating in Santa Clara  
province.

Cuban prisoners in Havana are fed to  
sharks.

Domestic.  
Proceedings of the Federation of Labor;  
President Gompers re-elected.

Trade reviews show that business, ex-  
cept in the way of holiday goods, is not  
brisk.

Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of  
Iowa's governor, marries without her  
father's consent.

The three Proctor brothers lynched by a  
mob at Russellville, Ky.

The Markets.  
Cotton futures decline on account of the  
senate committee's Cuban resolutions.

The Elgin butter market is lower on  
fancy grades.

All the grain markets close at a frac-  
tional decline.

Wool market is flat and depressed.

Adoption of the Cuban resolutions by  
the senate committee on foreign affairs  
causes a slump in the stock market.

State.  
A child killed near Bryan by falling from  
the top of a barn.

Houston market shows refunding bonds  
not disposed of by the attorney general.

The governor issues a proclamation de-  
claring the amendment to article 6, section  
2 part of the constitution.

Regulation issued on the governor of  
Colorado for H. Ackard.

O. P. Haley files a chattel mortgage  
at Waxahachie.

East Texas Methodist conference in ses-  
sion.

E. F. Melton filed a deed of trust at  
Gainesville.

Citizens caught smuggling themselves  
across the border.

The Elmer Leach pistol case up again  
in Fort Worth.

Senator Mills replies to a letter approv-  
ing his course in regard to Cuba.

Child burned to death at Taylor.

Governor Culberson returns to Texas

and confers with members of the board  
of managers of the Terrell asylum.

Local.  
The end of the Carnival programme.

Lecture of ex-Governor Hubbard at  
Turner Hall.

Mission work for Shorn Methodist  
church.

An attempt to turn the police station.

Abie Thiels arrested for a murder com-  
mitted in Wharton county seven years  
ago.

One county convict gives another mor-  
phine and death is the result.

Jurial of T. T. Calhoun.

Death of F. K. Danahy.

A damage suit for \$1000 for personal  
injuries.

### WEATHER INFORMATION.

Last Night's Synopsis.  
An area of high pressure, which pre-  
dominates the weather throughout the coun-  
try, overlies the Missouri and upper Mis-  
sissippi valley.

An area of low pressure is central over  
the South Atlantic and East Gulf States,  
and another is moving in over the South-  
ern portion of the Rocky Mountains. The  
weather is generally clear, except over the  
upper Mississippi valley, and the South  
Atlantic and East and West Gulf States,  
where it is partly cloudy to cloudy. The  
only precipitation reported is a trace at  
Nashville and Omaha.

General Observations.  
Observations taken by the United States  
weather bureau at 8 p. m., 18th meridian  
time:

Station	Temp.	Wind
Jacksonville, Fla.	61	SE
Atlanta, Ga.	61	SE
Mobile, Ala.	61	SE
Vicksburg, Miss.	61	SE
New Orleans, La.	61	SE
Galveston, Texas	61	SE
Corpus Christi, Texas	61	SE
Memphis, Tenn.	61	SE
Nashville, Tenn.	61	SE
St. Paul, Minn.	61	SE
Davenport, Iowa	61	SE
St. Louis, Mo.	61	SE
Kansas City, Mo.	61	SE
Omaha, Neb.	61	SE
North Platte, Neb.	61	SE
Dodge City, Kan.	61	SE
Amesbury, Texas	61	SE
Rockham, O. T.	61	SE
Abilene, Texas	61	SE
El Paso, Texas	61	SE

Today's Probabilities.  
Washington, December 18.—For Eastern  
Texas—Fair; probably threatening in ex-  
treme southern portion; slightly warmer;  
east winds.

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